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- 11. (U) This cable responds to the action request in reftel requesting human rights vetting for the candidates nominated to attend the FINAL PLANNING CONFERENCE UNIT LEVEL EXCHANGE in NEW JERSEY, U.S.A. from 2/1/2010 to 2/5/2010.
- 12. (SBU) The Department of State has vetted the individuals listed in reftel and possesses no credible derogatory information as of 01/20/2010. Post is authorized to include the following individuals in USG-funded training:

ALBERIM KOLGEGA, MAJOR RAPID REACTION BRIGADE, 8/20/1969 ERVIN LAKURIQI, LT, PLATOON COMMNADER 2ND BATTALION, 12/27/1981

EDMOND SARDI, MAJOR, TRAINING SPECIALIST FOR NATO, 7/2/1970

- 13. (U) Post is permitted to provide the following statement to authorized parties: Embassy verifies that the Department of State possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the individuals identified above, as of 01/20/2010. Post may cite this cable in response.
- 14. (SBU) Note that if Post subsequently becomes aware of possible human rights violations by the individuals listed above, Post should inform the Department and not proceed with training. Post should refer to the Leahy Vetting guidance manual for additional assistance. CLINTON